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SUBJ: USSR SALT DELEGATION'S CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ASTRONAUTS
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AT OUR SALT MEETING THIS MORNING THE CHIEF OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR, V.S. SEMENOV, FORMALLY READ TO ME THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QUOTE MAY I, ON BEHALF OF THE USSR DELEGATION, CONGRATULATE YOU AND THE AMERICAN DELEGATION ON THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION ON SEPTEMBER 25 OF THE FLIGHT OF THE SECOND CREW OF THE SKYLAB ORBITAL STATION. PLEASE CONVEY TO THE COURAGEOUS AMERICAN ASTRONAUTS, ALLAN BEAN, JACK LOUSMA, AND OWEN GARRIOT, OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL RETURN TO EARTH. THE COMPLEX AND HAZARDOUS MISSION PERFORMED BY THEM AND THE WORK THEY DID IN SPACE IS NO DOUBT A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENCE AND THE PEACEFUL CONQUEST OF SPACE. UNQUOTE

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING THIS ON TO THE ASTRONAUTS, TOGETHER WITH THE CONGRATULATIONS OF MYSELF AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S.SALT DELEGATION. REGARDS. JOHNSON

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